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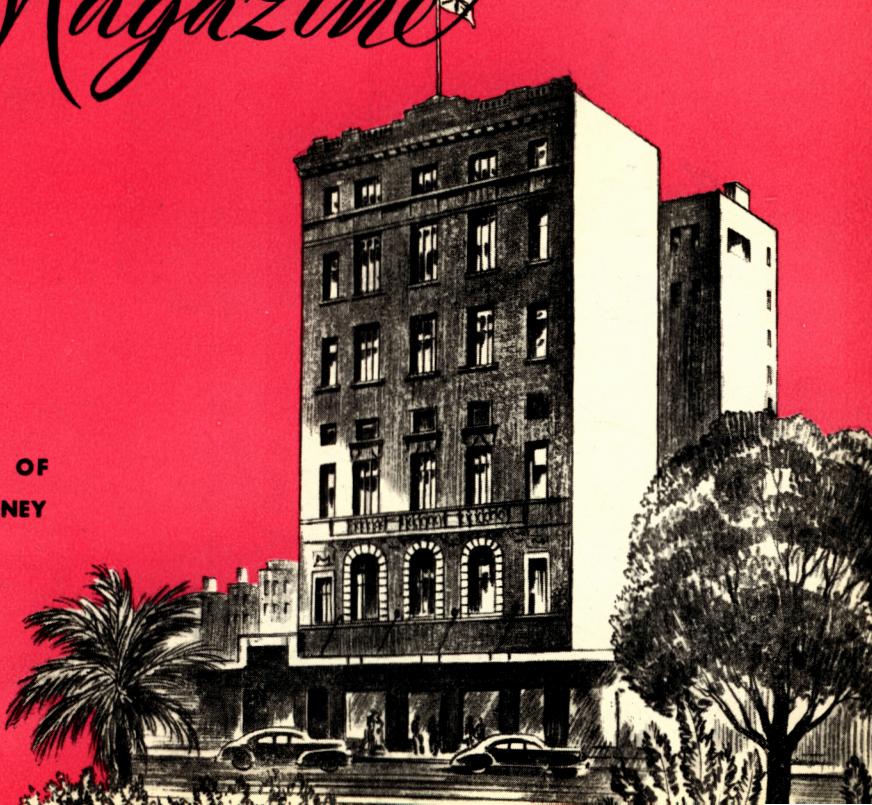
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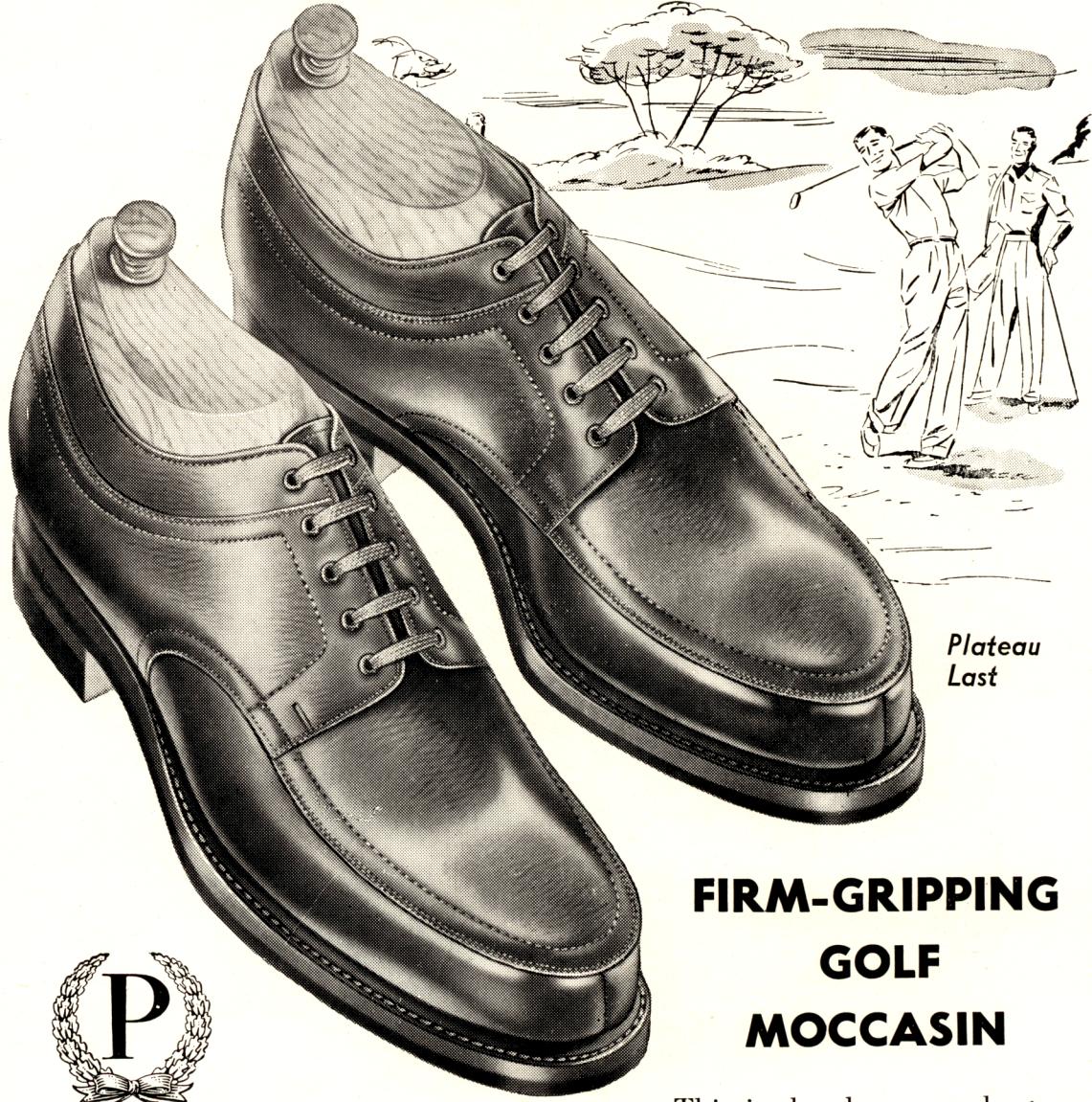
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THE Billiards Sub-Committee is particularly gratified to see that entries in the Coronation Billiards and Snooker Tournaments are fully up to the standard of previous years — both in quantity and quality. Handicaps will be declared on the 14th April, and will be included in this magazine if possible; games begin on the 27th, and will, it is expected, be full of interest from the start.

P. ROPER Under-Secretary of the Premier's Department, is fortunate enough in his official capacity, to be accompanying the Premier to the Coronation.

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Handicaps for the Coronation Snooker and Billiards Tournaments are included in this issue. See Pages 14 and 15.

MARCH was a grand month for Committeemen's birthdays — there were several informal celebrations which just show how it pays to watch the Birthday List! Frank Carberry was 5th March; Alf Collins the 10th; Jack Roles the 26th; and Claude Moore entertained quite a party of friends on the 29th

THIS time of the year is a fine time to renew friendships with the country members whom we see all too rarely. There were so many this season that it is not possible to name them all here; but, in our sometimes casual city way, we hope we made them feel how very welcome they are, and how pleased we are to see them.

ANOTHER visitor from far afield was Jim Brodie, over briefly from New Zealand. We were glad to see him — sorry that his stay was so short.

APARTICULARLY warm welcome was given to Jim Collins, up here just for a few days from Melbourne. Just the same should be said of Andy Maguire, down from the Darling Downs; it's good to see old friends.

HAROLD QUINTON writes from the U.S. — it seems that, although his trip is strictly business, he is managing to extract quite a deal of pleasure from it, too. Athol Williams writes from London — sends his regards to all.

THE pomp and pageantry of the Coronation are attracting quite a few travellers — half their luck! A. J. McDowell is now on his way to England and the U.S.; Charlie Young and W. J. Hill have left, so has C. H. Eastment. Bon voyage to you all!

EDITORIAL: A Happy Easter

Easter has come and passed. The countrysiders have departed; the citysiders have shaken down into the prosaic routine. Everybody had a great time.

The part this Club played was in keeping with past practice. City members mingled with country members in the fashion of a family reunited. No introductions were deemed necessary in Club and no visitor was permitted to feel out of it.

City members went out of their way to play the role of hosts. This was their opportunity, and they accepted it as an obligation, which was in the Club's finest spirit.

Welcome was given also to friends of country members; those brought in for dinner and refreshments. Many envied their hosts' privilege of membership but understood readily that there are limits to a club's physical capacity.

In incidentally it was flattering to the chairman and his committee to realise that so many on the outside looking in were awaiting opportunity to be received into membership.

It was heartening also to hear them commend the Club, its appointments and its service—things which are sometimes taken for granted on the spot; not by the many, but by the few.

Happy Birthday to You!

APRIL

1 His Honour Judge Rainbow	13 O. Keysen
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Dr. T. Gibson	A. W. Anderson
F. R. Snowball	Hugh Marshall
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4 A. E. Mahony	Snr.
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S. P. Owen	18 Dr. M. J.
Arthur Norton	Slattery
6 G. E. Nagel	A. L. Bragg
Dr. D. Finlay	Peter Williams
M. Toltz	19 T. W. Reid
7 R. S. Bailey	J. Levenson
N. R. Plomley	20 Arthur Smith
J. H. G. Wilkes	F. J. Alderman
L. C. Laurence	T. F. Nash
9 P. R. Harnett	22 J. W.
Dr. F. A. Bellingham	Breckenridge
10 K. A. Bennett	23 D. Lothington
Mr. Justice Dovey	24 J. Mandel
J. L. Gibbs	25 Dr. W. Llew-
11 R. Price	ellyn Rees
J. S. Cumming	Hector Reid
C. G. D. Allman	E. A. Westhoff
12 C. L. Fader	26 W. T. Franklin
W. H. Hole	27 R. E. Eastway
R. L. McKinnon	B. J. L. Davis
J. S. Dunne	28 Geo. Sanderson
B. A. Grace	W. R. Laforest
	H. S. Barrow
	29 N. H. Brown
	30 P. T. Kavanagh
	J. M. Furlong
	H. M. Abbott

MAY

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John Dolden	C. S. Laurie
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3 Roy Miller	16 Dr. L. S.
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4 D. F. Stewart	19 S. E. A. Hol-
A. A. Joel	land
E. Eccles	20 C. J. Davis
F. C. Horley	21 M. D. Deveridge
S. Lenzer	22 de Renzie Rich
R. J. Corrick	His Honour Mr.
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6 H. C. Bartley	R. L. Ball
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7 L. P. R. Bean	E. E. Bullen
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H. Liebmann	24 G. W. Laforest
8 D. H. McCathie	V. G. Watson
10 H. R. Hayes	25 R. B. Barmby
E. W. Abbott	C. R. Tarrant
11 H. J. Williams	26 J. T. Hackett
E. R. Marie	R. A. Davis
12 D. S. Davis	28 George Chiene
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13 H. C. Moon	31 A. B. Abel
14 C. E. Blayney	J. Coady
F. Pfeiffer	
Louis Moss	
Harry Woolf	

Members are invited to notify the Secretary of the date of their Birthday.

HERE is quite a substantial Sick List this month: J. D. Mullan is confined to bed at his home for a few weeks. E. A. Moore is in hospital, so are Ted Forrest (St. Vincent's) and Bert Brown (Scottish Hospital). Our wishes for a speedy recovery go to each and every one as well as to other members on the List of whom we have not had news.

ON the other side of the ledger; Dick Hughes is back in the Club again, with his fractured leg about as good as new. W. H. Mackay is in town, recovering after an accident.

MORE Comings and Goings: Claude Manning is off to the U.S.; Arthur Lambell is in town, and has several times been with us in the Club.

MEMBERS were quick and sincere to express their sympathy with Les Harrison over the sad death of his wife, who was well known to many of them. Les is anxious here to record his thanks.

OUR thanks are due to Alan Dexter (brother of John, of course) who has been assisting the editor with the material for the articles in this Magazine on the Studs of N.S.W. Alan, retired from journalism, is Secretary of the Bloodstock Horse Breeders' Association, and knows his subject from every angle.

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Secretary.

JOHN DEXTER introduced Jon Henricks on the occasion of the young champion's exhibition swim in Tattersall's Club pool, as "fastest sprinter produced in Australia, fastest ever seen by Australians and, probably, fastest in the world."

John Dexter described the 17-year-old as having "a perfect physical set-up and a perfectly balanced stroke — probably one of the most attractive in the history of swimming."

WHETHER the Rugby League team ever actually arrives from California or not, it's particularly interesting to find that the U.S., home of the Grid Game, can field a Rugby team of fair standard. It's much the same, you might suppose, as if we sent a baseball team from Sydney to contest one of the major U.S. leagues. For keeping the Rugby game alive we can thank in some considerable measure our confreres of the Olympic Club, San Francisco, who field a team that takes a major part in a Rugby competition series completed every year in California. Whether any of the stars of the team that intends to come this year are members of the Olympic Club, is not known, but it is quite possible that they may be.

E. R. WILLIAMS, who is having a highly successful season, had another win — his filly, Waterlady, (Midstream-Best Wishes), took the Adrian Knox Stakes by five lengths from Bush Chapel. The same Waterlady won the Oaks Stakes in Victoria in November, and can claim to be one of Australia's best staying three-year-old fillies.

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ADD to your list of recent improvements in the Club — the new fluorescent lighting in the Enquiry Office on the ground floor. Easier for you to fill out a visitors' card, easier for you to sort out your mail and messages.

ADDITION to the travellers' list: Colin Jones, lucky fellow, is off to the United States; Ray Vaughan is back, being warmly welcomed by his many friends in the Club, full of the latest news from the States.

CONGRATULATIONS to Joe Joel, who is celebrating in the traditional manner a most important New Arrival—a son.

ROSS STIFFE is climbing the rungs of the ladder in his Company, the famous Wine and Spirit firm of Crawford and Co. His new appointment as Assistant Manager has been the subject of some quiet but appropriate congratulation.

MEMBERS will be sorry to hear that Committeeman Ernie Vandenberg is in hospital. Hopes are that his sojourn there will be a short one, and that he will soon be back in the Club again.

BOWLING NOTES



Our Knock-out Competition is now going very satisfactorily. Of the original 56 rinks, 16 now remain and some very good and exciting games have been played.

ON March 3 W. O'Neill (City Tatts), 30, def. McAllister (Manly Golf), 17. P. Smith (Bondi Diggers), 19, def. Hodd (Woollahra Council), 18. Hazard (Lakes Golf), 21, def. Chessel (Cinema), 14. Relton, Young, Bloomfield, Collins (Tatts.), 16, def. McDonald (Lakes Golf), 15. Cave (City Tatts.), 28, def. De Saxe (C'wealth Bank), 8.

On March 10, James (C'wealth Bank Managers), 22, def. Cave (City Tatts.), 21. Fry (C'wealth Bank), 25, def. Jones, Hole, Ditchfield, Davis (Tatts.), 10. Dickson (Manly Golf), 20, def. Mitchell, Traversi, Peters, Hill (Tatts.), 18. Lindsay (E.S. & A. Bank), 18, A. Fingleton (N.S.W. Golf), 16, Bailey (R.A.C.A.), 28, def. Allen (Law Inst.), 21.

On March 17, Moore (Real Estate), 42, def. Carlow (M.), 7. Rinaldi (Insurance), 31, def. Walker (Chemists), 12. Plasto (U.L.V.A.), 25, def. Hadlow (Long Reef Golf), 21. Hawkins (Chemists), 21, def. Rolle (Millions), 16. Collins (Tatts.), 27, def. Cave (City Tatts.), 14. MacDonald (Insurance), 19, def. Brady (A.N.Z. Bank), 18; after an extra end was played. Mc-

Intosh (Tatts.), def. Richards (City Tatts.), by forfeit.

Unfortunately all games set down for March 24 had to be abandoned owing to rain.

On March 19, 5 rinks journeyed to Harbord and from all accounts had a grand day. Our hosts had an easy victory by 115 shots to 79, but all of Tatts' contestants are unanimous that it was worth while. This comparatively new club has made wonderful strides, and have a very nice club house not yet completely furnished. On our next visit we will surely see something worth while.

Details: Ball, Silk, Hathaway, Williams (T.), 19; Cummins, Harman, Hadlow, Davies (H.), 30, Bavinton, Turner, Abbott, Young (T.), 9; Walsh, Macfarlane, Giles, Martin (H.), 30. Jones, Widmer, Buckle, Booth (T.), 12; Riddle, Piper, Lussick, Packham (H.), 22. Wakefield, Hole, Barnett, Peters (T.), 21; Eggleston, Coelli, Cleary, Myers (H.), 18. Saulwick, Fay, Monro, McDonald (T.), 21; Pearson, Hackett, Marles, McGrath (H.), 12.

On March 26 we were to play Vaucluse Club at Double Bay but unfortunately were washed out.

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HANDBALL



Grand Night's Entertainment Marks Annual Dinner

On Wednesday evening, 18th March, the Handball Club held its Annual Dinner and Presentation of Prizes in the card room on the 2nd Floor. Approximately 40 members were present, and a good time was had by one and all.

AN excellent programme of artists compered by Jimmy Brunton-Gibb added to the night's enjoyment — "Royston, the Ventriloquist" being particularly appreciated, especially by Bob Adams and Harry Davis. Our chairman for the evening was Norman Barrell, who is to be congratulated on a very fine job. Apologies were received from Edwin Penfold, Bill Kendall, J. O. Dexter (Sen.), Ivor Stanford, etc., etc.

The programme for the evening was slightly disorganised by the absence of George McGilvray, our Club Champion, who was unable to attend, unexpectedly, and as George was down for a couple of speeches, substitutes had to be found at the last moment.

The presentation of prizes to the winners was made by Sam Block, to which each prize-winner suitably responded. A special presentation was made to our popular Secretary, Peter Lindsay. This was handled by Arthur McCamley, who substituted for George McGilvray. Peter had no inkling he was to receive this gift and it came as a very pleasant surprise to him.

The toast to our visitors and Club Committee was proposed by Mick Murphy, to which George Chiene (Club Committee), and Rollo Moore, from New Zealand, who was with us as the guest of Arthur Webber, responded.

The toast to the Donors was proposed by the Chairman, Norman Barrell, supported by Zaide Lazarus and Eddie Davis. To the Donors, the Handball Committee extends its very best wishes and thanks, as it is only by such interest that incentive can be given to the various competitions.

The final toast of the evening was that of the Swimming Club, which is closely allied to the Handball Club. Arthur McCamley proposed this toast, and John Gunton responded. We regretted that John Dexter was unable to attend to support John Gunton, but he was at Sussex Inlet enjoying a well deserved holiday.

Last — but not least — our thanks to the staff who looked after us so well, and especially to Dave Dawson, our Club Secretary, who co-operated in every way to make the dinner the success it was.

Special Notes

Our best wishes to Bob Withycombe who has entered the Scottish Hospital for an operation. We hope you have a speedy recovery, Bob, and you will be with us again very soon.

Congratulations

There are members who are not affiliated with our Handball Club—nevertheless, we like to watch their sporting activities. This month our attention focused on Mel Watson for his fine score in the big "McWilliam's Wines Golf Tournament." Mel had the following rounds: 76, 74, 79, 75 for a total of 304. Nice work, Mel!

Condolences

The Handball Club would like to express its deepest sympathy to Les Harrison, who recently had the misfortune to lose his wife.

New Competition

The Handball Committee has decided that the next competition will be that for the "Winooka Trophy," which will be a Handicap Knock-out Competition and the draw will appear on the notice board shortly.

The Prize for this competition will be donated by Steven Blau and Ted Forrest, who are executors of the estate of the late Joe Matthews. This is a lovely gesture by these chaps and is appreciated very much by the Handball Club. "TANKS," Steven, and Thank you, Ted!



Bill Kirwan Takes Lead for "Native Son" Trophy

Bruce Chiene, winner of the "Native Son" Trophy three years ago, showed his first real return to form last month when he landed the Monthly Point Score very easily from Fred Harvie.

CLUB Committeeman George Chiene, Bruce's dad, is one of the most consistent onlookers in the Pool, especially when the young chap is swimming, and he was delighted over Bruce's win.

The winner's good form has put him right up the ladder of the 1952-1953 Point Score and he is going to be a danger to everybody unless his beloved football leaves him without a kick. At present Bruce is in fifth place, only $5\frac{1}{2}$ points behind the leader.

Popular leader in the yearly Point Score is Bill Kirwan, who has presented the "Native Son" Trophy for so many years to the largest points scorer of the season.

Bill has had a great run and in his last five races he has been in three finals for two wins and a second. Brace Relays are his long suit as he has landed the last two and this has all helped to put him top of the class with 101 points, ahead of Stu. Murray $98\frac{1}{2}$, Fred Harvie $97\frac{1}{2}$, and Peter Lindsay $95\frac{1}{2}$.

In the current Monthly Point Score Jack Shaffran is making a run and with one race only to

go he has scored 22 points out of a possible 24 and looks a certainty to hold off Bill Kirwan 19, Malcolm Fuller $18\frac{1}{2}$, and John Dexter 18, even though he blotted his copy book last race by breaking his time and having a second cut off his handicap.

Malcolm Fuller, one of our back markers, has struck form and has been in the last three finals for a second and two thirds. Doubtless all that exercise when he speared the 70 lbs. Kingfish in Jervis Bay has done him good.

Bill Kendall has not been saddling as often as he used to but during the month he showed them all how to finish by winning a heat in 20 and then improving to 19 sees. in taking the final. In his next race he had them all gasping when he came from a seemingly hopeless position to be just pipped by Bill Kirwan.

Eric Adnam won his first heat since he joined up, a 40 yards on March 10, and swam a close second in the final.

Welcome to new members Fred Clift, one time mainstay of

Bondi Swimming Club, and Peter Williams.

Best winning times of the month for 40 yards were:—19 and 20 sees., W. Kendall; 20.1 and 20.8, M. Fuller; 21.3 and 21.8, F. Harvie; 21.4, K. Francis and J. O. Dexter; 21.6, J. O. Dexter and G. Laforest; 21.8, B. Chiene and H. E. Davis.

On Thursday, 5th March, we had the pleasure of an exhibition swim by Jon Henricks, probably the world's fastest sprinter.

A large number of members showed keen interest in the lad and applauded the story of his achievements as narrated by announcer, Jack Dexter, and they were even more enthusiastic when Henricks exhibited his well nigh perfect form in a fast 100 yards which he completed in 52 sees.

Before he appeared at the Club Jon had already swum and won numerous events at his school, Fort St. High, carnival and had a mad rush to keep faith with Tattersall's Club to which he claims he owes a lot for its generosity in allowing him to train in our Pool during the Winter.

He has expressed a desire to have a go at our Pool record of 16.8 for 40 yards so one of these days he will be there to try.

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Unfortunately the U.S.A. Athletic Union will not allow Olympic Champion sprinter Clark Scholes to compete in Australia so the public will not have the thrill of seeing him in what would have been some wonderful races with Henricks.

Results

3rd March—40 yards Handicap—1st Division Final: B. Chiene (23), 1, A. McCamley (28), 2, F. Harvie (22), 3. Time 21.8 secs. 2nd Division Final: G. Goldie (35) and P. Lindsay (24), 1, G. McGilvray (23), 3. Times 33.2 and 22.2 secs.

10th March—80 yards Brace Relay Handicap—W. Kirwan and J. O. Dexter (49), 1, E. Adnam and R. Harris (49), 2, S. Murray and H. Davis (47), 3. Time 48.2 secs.

17th March—40 yards Handicap—1st Division Final: W. Kendall (20), 1, M. Fuller (21), 2, S. Murray (25), 3. Time 19 secs. 2nd Division Final: T. Barrell (25) and J. Shaffran (24), 1, J. O. Dexter (22), 3. Times 24.1 and 23.1 secs.

24th March—80 yards Brace Relay Handicap—W. Kirwan and W. Phillips (49), 1, J. Shaffran and B. Chiene (46), 2, G. McGilvray and M. Fuller (44), 3. Time 48.5 secs.

31st March—40 yards Handicap—1st Division Final: J. Shaffran (24), 1, W. Kirwan (27), 2, M. Fuller (21), 3. Time 22.6 secs. 2nd Division Final: J. O. Dexter (22), 1, F. Harvie (22), 2, G. Laforest (22), 3. Time 21.6 secs.

February-March Point Score

This series resulted:—B. Chiene, 27½ points, 1; F. Harvie, 22, 2; C. Hoole, 20, 3; A. McCamley, 19, 4; H. E. Davis, G. Goldie and S. Murray, 18, 5; W. Kirwan, 17, 8; N. Barrell and J. O. Dexter, 15, 9; P. Lindsay, 14½, 11; V. Thicknesse, 13½, 12.

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RELIC OF "SMITHY"

Club Connected with Early N.Z. Flight

Time Flies as on the wings of an aeroplane, and a memory of 25 years is borne back as if the event were but yesterday.

THIS relates to the first commercial flight, Australia-N.Z., on January 11, 1933, by the historic Southern Cross, with "Smithy" at the controls.

Among the passengers was S. E. Nielson, then secretary of the New Plymouth (N.Z.) Aero Club, now a member of this club.

He carried a letter from Bob Evans (Sydney) to P. J. Flannagan, addressed him at "Tarar-naki" (Bob's spelling), New Plymouth, N.Z.

This letter was posted at New Plymouth on the arrival of the Southern Cross — an expedient to obtain a postmark because the Australian postal authorities, probably fearing the worst, had declined to allow the Southern Cross to carry official mail.

Bob Evans did the next best thing: affixed a two-penny Australian stamp, addressed the letter as stated, and marked it "Per favour S. E. Nielson, Southern Cross, Sydney-New Plymouth, January, 1933."

After arriving, Mr. Nielsen posted the letter (enclosed in a Tattersall's Club envelope). A postal official at New Plymouth included both stamps within the circular postmark: N.P., N.Z., 12JA, 33, 12.45 p.m.

On the back of the envelope were these signatures: C. Kingsford Smith (pilot), P. G. Taylor (co-pilot), John S. W. Stannage (radio operator), J. M. Percival (journalist), S. Nielson (secretary of New Plymouth Aero Club).

Mr. Nielson holds a receipt (written on Tattersall's Club letterhead and signed by "Smithy"): Received from S. E. Nielson, of New Plymouth, the sum of one hundred pounds, being fare for Tasman crossing, Sydney to New Plymouth, in Southern Cross. First commercial passenger. With thanks, C. Kingsford Smith, 11th January, 1933.

The Southern Cross left Ger-ringong Beach, Sydney, at 2.55 a.m. on January 11, 1933, and landed on the new Plymouth airport the same evening after a flight of 14 hours 5 minutes 30 secs.

Mr. Flannagan gave the letter to the city of New Plymouth as an historic document.

Incidentally, the first flight of the Southern Cross from Australia to New Zealand was on September 10, 1928, when the 1,600 miles between Sydney and Christchurch were covered in 23 hours.

TATTERSALL'S CLUB

SYDNEY

May Race Meeting (Randwick Racecourse), Saturday, 23rd May, 1953

Entries for the following races will be received by the Secretary of TATTERSALL'S CLUB only, subject to the Rules of Racing By-Laws and Regulations of the Australian Jockey Club for the time being in force and by which the nominator agrees to be bound.

JUVENILE NOVICE STAKES

(For Two-Year-Old Fillies at time of starting)

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday, 21st May, 1953; with £850 added. Second horse £170, and third horse £85 from the prize. For two-year-old Fillies which at the time of starting have not since 31st December, 1952, won a Transition, Encourage or Trial Race, or a Graduation Stakes, or have never won a race on the flat of the value to the winner of more than £100. Provided that a horse which has won a Maiden, Improvers', Progressive, Intermediate, Advanced or Approved Race, or, as a maiden horse, a Mixed Stakes or Graduation Stakes, irrespective of the stake won in each race, shall not on that account only be ineligible to compete. Further provided that a horse which has won since 31st December, 1952, four Novice Races of the value to the winner of £100 or less in each race shall not be eligible to compete. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st.

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TWO-YEAR-OLD NOVICE HANDICAP

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SIX FURLONGS.

THREE AND FOUR-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday, 21st May, 1953; with £850 added. Second horse £170, and third horse £85 from the prize. For Three and Four-year-olds at time of starting. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st.

ONE MILE.

NOVICE HANDICAP

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday, 21st May, 1953; with £850 added. Second horse £170, and third horse £85 from the prize. For horses which have not since 31st December, 1952, won a Transition, Encourage or Trial Race, or a Graduation Stakes, or have never won a race on the flat of the value to the winner of more than £100. Provided that a horse which has won a Maiden, Improvers', Progressive, Intermediate, Advanced or Approved Race, or, as a maiden horse, a Mixed Stakes or Graduation Stakes, irrespective of the stake won in each race, shall not on that account only be ineligible to compete. Further provided that a horse which has won since 31st December, 1952, four Novice Races of the value to the winner of £100 or less in each race shall not be eligible to compete. Notwithstanding the above provisions, a horse which has won a race for two-year-olds of the value to the winner of not more than £1,000 shall not on that account only be ineligible to compete. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. ONE MILE AND A QUARTER.

FLYING HANDICAP

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday, 21st May, 1953; with £1,000 added. Second horse £200, and third horse £100 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. (No Allowances for Apprentices.)

SIX FURLONGS.

THE JAMES BARNES PLATE

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £10 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday, 21st May, 1953; with £1,250 added. Second horse £250, and third horse £125 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. (No Allowances for Apprentices.)

ONE MILE AND A QUARTER.

WELTER HANDICAP

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday, 21st May, 1953; with £900 added. Second horse £180, and third horse £90 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. 7lb.

ONE MILE.

CONDITIONS

ENTRIES close before 3 p.m. on Monday, 11th May, 1953.

WEIGHTS to be declared at 10 a.m. on Monday, 18th May, 1953.

ACCEPTANCES for all races are due before 12 noon on Thursday, 21st May, 1953, with the Secretary of Tattersall's Club, Sydney, only.

PENALTIES.—In all races (unless otherwise provided) the winner after the declaration of weights, of a flat race or races shall carry such additional weight (if any) for each win as the Handicapper shall determine (not exceeding in the aggregate 7lb.). Such additional weight to be imposed within twenty-four hours of the conclusion of the meeting at which such horse became liable to be re-handicapped.

The Committee reserves to itself the right to reject, after acceptance time, all or any of the entries of the lower weighted horses accepting in any race in excess of the number of horses which would be run in such race without a division.

Provision shall be made for three Emergency Acceptors to replace horses scratched or withdrawn after final acceptance and prior to the times appointed for scratchings on the day of the meeting.

The horses on the same weight to be selected for rejection by lot.

In the case of horses engaged in more than one race on the same day, when such races are affected by the condition of elimination, a horse if an acceptor for more than one race shall be permitted to start in one race only. The qualification to start to be determined in the order of the races on the advertised programme.

The Committee reserves the power from time to time to alter the date of running, to make any alteration or modification in this programme, alter the sequence of the races and the time for taking entries, declaration of handicaps, forfeits or acceptances, to vary the distance of any race and to change the venue of the meeting, and in the event of the outer Course being used, races will be run at "About" the distances advertised.

The Committee also reserves to itself the right in connection with any of the above Races, should the conditions existing warrant it, to reduce the amount of the prize money, forfeits and sweepstakes advertised, and to cancel the meeting should the necessity arise.

157 Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

M. D. J. DAWSON, Secretary.

ENTRIES CLOSE before 3 p.m. on MONDAY, 11th MAY, 1953

The Club Congratulates Mr. Justice Dovey

Racing Owes Much to New Supreme Court Judge

Members hastening to offer their sincere congratulations to Mr. W. R. Dovey when his appointment as a Judge of the Supreme Court was announced on the 26th March, did so with the fervent hope that his new high judicial office would not curtail his interest in the administrative side of racing.

HIS many friends in the Club knew that he would remain for them the same good fellow, the same "Bill Dovey" when they might indulge that familiarity away from his high official status. And members with a deeper interest in the sport of racing took heart in remembering Sir Adrian Knox and other prominent jurists who have managed to spare time from their court duties to serve on the administrative side of A.J.C. and S.T.C.

The racing of thoroughbreds demands many things of many men. The complexities of a great spectator sport, the reconciling of the interests of the participants and the paying public; control without regimentation, to ensure that everyone, including the punter, has a "fair go;" working in a spotlight of publicity in such a way as to confound the wowser on one hand, yet please the thrill-seeker on the other . . . all this and much more demands men to ad-

minister who have qualities above the ordinary. Taet, understanding, and a liberal outlook, firmness and the ability to stick to a principle — plus a deep love of racing for itself, are but a few of the qualifications.

That is why good administrators are surely racing's greatest asset, the very salt of the Sport of Kings. And Mr. Justice Dovey has proved one of racing's ablest administrators, first as vice-chairman of S.T.C., now as acting-chairman of the A.J.C.

Born and bred in the country, Mr. Justice Dovey spent his boyhood near Bathurst; his parents and grandparents had deep roots in the West, and farmed first a few miles from Bathurst, then on a property between Wellington and Dubbo. Young Dovey gained a scholarship that brought him down to Sydney Grammar, and another that started him at Sydney University. Even before entering university, he was inclined toward the Law, and arrangements had been partly com-

*The Hon. Mr. Justice Dovey, Judge of the Supreme Court of N.S.W.
(Photo., courtesy "S.M.H.")*

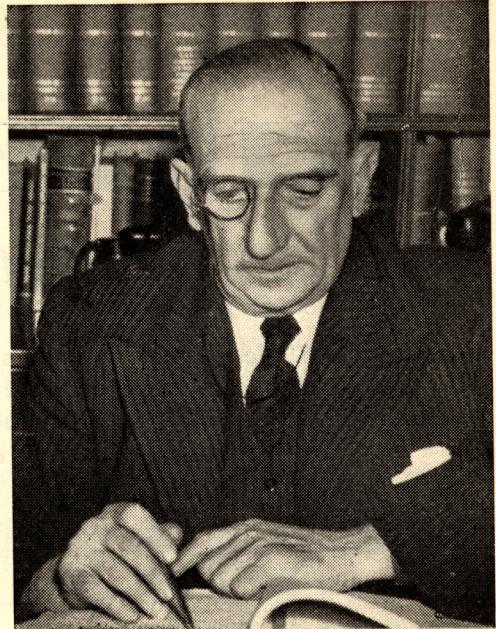
pleted for him to enter into articles with a fine old jurist of the West, William Patrick Kelly, of Wellington, when his chance came to study Arts.

But the 1914 War cut across both plans, and he was among the first to sail from Sydney.

The end of his war service saw him out of a job, and he was glad to take a schoolmaster's position at Brisbane Grammar. It was a fortunate choice, for he formed several friendships among members of the Queensland Bar, and particularly with the Chief Justice, Sir Pope Cooper. Sir Pope, hearing that Sir Samuel Griffith, then Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, was seeking an Associate, recommended Dovey for the job, and the job to Dovey.

Mr. Justice Dovey took to Law as a duck to water. His experience as Associate was an intensive one, first with Sir Samuel, then with Sir Adrian Knox and later with Mr. Justice

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WIDDEN— Valley of Champions

Where the Widden Creek meanders between mountain precipices and across some of Australia's finest grass-lands in the famous Hunter River Valley, the Thompsons are still breeding champion racehorses.

AMONG Widden's 50 yearlings and numerous foals may be running another Ajax, another Rimveil or Allunga, Brattle or Panacre, Hesione or Chaperone.

Four generations of Thompsons have cared for Widden's 5,500 green acres; but Widden's fields of lucerne and grass paddocks, timbered slopes, modern stables and yards, even its registered airstrip, are very different from the valley the first Thompsons saw 81 years ago. Back in 1866, William Barbour Thompson and his son, John, direct from Leeds and with pack-horses laden with household effects, made a slow, perilous journey across the mountains to a new home. Often they must have wished to turn back. For much of the way they clambered over precipitous trails, down steep slopes. Ahead and behind were mountains. Then, from the Widden Spurs, branch of the Great Dividing Range, they came to the beautiful Widden Valley, partly wooded by wild-apple trees, stretching for miles below them.

The Thompsons had come home. They have not left in 87 years.

Clearing the apple trees and founding magnificent grazing

lands, the first Thompsons raised cattle, later Clydesdales, before Widden became one of Australia's most famous blood-stock breeding establishments.

More than the country was wild when the Thompson's first pitched tents and then built their first home at Widden. It had been the stamping ground of notorious bushranger Thunderbolt (Frederick Ward). High in heavily wooded, mountainous country flanking the Thompson property, Thunderbolt had his hide-out. From his cave he could gaze upon the flat country for miles. From it he made his sorties against the mail coaches which crawled laboriously over the mountain track from Sandy Hollow to Rylstone.

When the chase became too torrid, Thunderbolt returned to his cave, hid until the troopers gave up their search, then set out for more spoils.

The cave, now laid open by 80 years of rain and erosion, was cunningly hidden when Thunderbolt marauded. It was discovered when dogs chased a wallaby into it several years after Thunderbolt had been shot by Constable Walker at Rocky River.

"Rolle Boldrewood," a district magistrate, based his "Robbery Under Arms" character, Captain Moonlight, on Thunderbolt. Widden was his "Terrible Hollow," the valley in which Moonlight corralled his stolen cattle and horses.

Widden's first thoroughbred sire was The Gem, who won a Metropolitan at Randwick; Russley and Dorchester followed, then the fame of Widden was founded solidly by Malster and Linacre.

Their progeny won a total of more than £600,000. Headstones mark their graves outside the fence of the Widden stallion yards. From Malster's grave grows a tall Lombardy poplar, planted in the stallion's memory by the late John Spencer Brunton, who won big races with Maltine and other good Malster horses.

Not even Heroic is more famous as an Australian-bred sire. Malster's remains were exhumed in 1932 and now are at the Institute of Anatomy, Canberra.

Widden has always had an outstanding sire. In the early 1920's, with Linacre at the end of his career, the Thompson's bought Valais from the Arrowfield Stud for 14,400 gns. Few horses have had a greater influence than Valais on Australian bloodstock standards. He was a great sire himself; his sons have been as great.

Valais imparted a fire and wilfulness to his progeny which made some of them almost unmanageable. Manfred often would refuse to start in his races; Heroic was headstrong; others were actually vicious.

Yet Valais himself went into tantrums only when he was lonely. He had to have company, animal or human. Placed in a yard by himself, Valais would become savage, would try to kick down the fence. But tie another horse outside the stallion yard, or let a man sit on the fence, and Valais was as docile as an old hack.

For years, Valais had a goat as his close companion. They used to sleep together, eat together, play together. But one day Valais played too enthusiastically. He accidentally outgoated the goat, bumped its head hard, and the playmate was killed. For two nights Valais fretted so much that a groom had to sleep in his stall.

Thoroughbred stallions often have queer habits. Veilmont and

This is the second of a series of articles with which it is hoped to cover all the main studs of the State — the nurseries of the racing thoroughbreds.

Kenilworth, successful Widden sires, used to bite themselves. Kenilworth once gashed himself so severely that the wound needed 17 stitches.

Veilmont was so persistent that he had to wear a leather bib as protection against his own teeth. He was a difficult horse to handle, yet he would play like a dog in his yard. He would pick up a stick, toss it in the air, run to the corner of his yard, then race back to retrieve it. He was an escapologist, too. No matter how tightly and securely he was rugged, Veilmont could always work free. Then he would chew his clothing to rags.

Brueghel was a docile horse who poked out his tongue and invited visitors to pull it.

Frank W. Thompson, who holds the Widden reins these days, was only 24 when he bought Brueghel in Italy. Hearing that Brueghel, then one of Italy's best racehorses, was for sale, Thompson met the owner, Signor Tessio (the man who sold Nearco to England) in a hotel in Milan. Tessio could speak no English, Thompson no Italian.

In halting, schoolboy French, Thompson made himself understood and the sale was clinched.

But for the Abyssinian war at that time, Brueghel probably would not have reached Australia. He might have been too costly even for Widden. Tessio was in difficulties. As a successful owner and breeder, he bought heavily in England and France. But Italians during that period were not allowed to send money out of their country. To con-

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This picture of Widden, with a corner of the stables in the background, shows the graves of several of the sires and mares that have made Widden famous.

Photo.—Courtesy "Sporting Life."



Early Days at Rosehill

Workmen were still busy on the Rosehill Racecourse when its gates were opened on April 18, 1885. Time has marched on since that day, but in many respects the best and oldest associations of Rosehill have been maintained, despite the improvement on the primitive appointments of those early days.

EVEN then opportunists were about, for it is said of one well-known identity of those days that he seized opportunity at a glance. Doffing his coat, he picked up a workman's spade, and walked in the gate unchallenged. It was one of those occasions when a spade could not be called a spade, but a ticket of admission.

In common with the other proprietary clubs that were absorbed by the Sydney Turf Club Act, the Rosehill Club began as a pure and simple racing club, run for entertainment of its members. As such it remained for a brief four years; for in September, 1889, the late Mr. John Bennett founded a company. The first directors included Messrs. Henry Harris, Samuel Ockman, Robert Carter, William Clark and W. C. Hill. Later Mr. Harris became Chairman, then Mr. Hill, and in 1920 Mr. Theo Marks took over the reins and held them capably for many years, his fellow directors being Messrs. F. J. Smith, P. O. Jones, and H. L. Carter.

Transport, or the difficulties of it, cannot be disassociated from the histories of racing clubs in Australia. Early days at Rosehill provided their share of adventure by road and river, and time had to be no object. Travel was diversified, for race-

goers could go by rail to Granville, or by river steamer, and then by tram or coach to the Course. The river trip was much favoured by those who preferred a real day out. About the year 1900, the steam trains commenced running to the Course, and at the end of 1936 came the first electric train service.

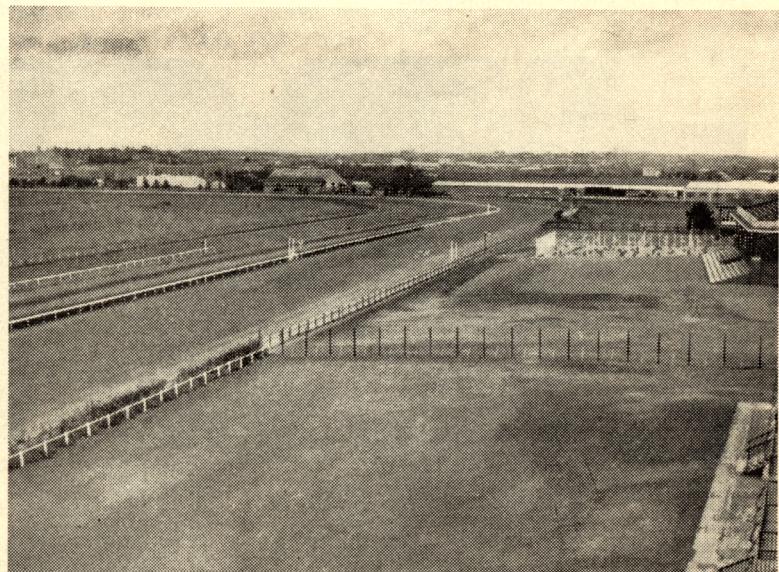
With some improvements the old stands and appointments were made to do service until 1923, when the present-day structures came into being. Generally, these have been brought

up-to-date and the enclosures improved until they compare favourably with those of any course in Sydney.

The name of Rowe appears to be almost inseparable from Rosehill. The late Mr. G. W. S. Rowe was the first Secretary, but he resigned after a brief period to be followed in succession by Messrs. G. B. Rowley, P. O'Mara, and Jones Denmeade. In 1904, Mr. Rowe came back again, and directed the Club's affairs until 1931, when on his death his youngest son, Mr. Reginald Rowe, took over and carried on.

The opening meeting at Rosehill, just over 68 years ago, saw all the leading Turf identities of the day well to the fore.

The Hon. James White, who carried nearly all before him, was represented; Mr. W. A.



ROSEHILL TO-DAY. A view of the turn into the straight.
Photo.—Courtesy "Sporting Life."

Long, whose champion was Grand Flaneur; and Mr. W. J. Forrester, known then as "Red Bill" to distinguish him from the squire of Warwick Farm, who was designated "Black Bill," and the owner of successive Melbourne Cup winners, Gaulus and The Grafton.

Riding at this inaugural meeting were Frank McGrath, W. Wieriker and S. Lamond, Sen.

The Rosehill Club endeavoured to do its share in the provision of classic and weight-for-age racing. The Rosehill Guineas, one of the main events for three-year-olds in the Spring, was introduced in 1910. Later the Hill Stakes in the Spring, and the Rawson Stakes in the Autumn, were included in programmes, and have attracted some of the best weight-for-age horses of recent years.

A glance back over the records reveals that the Club had its trials and tribulations. In August of 1886 the meeting was anything but a joy, although the Government House party headed by Lord Carrington and Admiral Tryon, were in attendance. Steamers were late, vehicular accommodation scarce, and hundreds had to walk through inches of mud and mire. Even more upsetting, the liquor supply did not arrive until half-way through the afternoon. And the Course was fog-bound for the last two races, which could not be timed.

It is interesting to look back at the programmes of those days, when five events appeared to be the usual, the total for the day being £775, with the Rosehill Handicap a sweepstakes of £10, and £300 added.

Since those days the Rosehill course has proved a worthy alternative to Randwick, and the A.J.C. and now continues to prosper under Sydney Turf Club direction as much as it ever has done in the past.

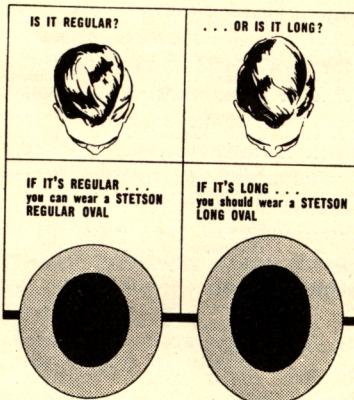
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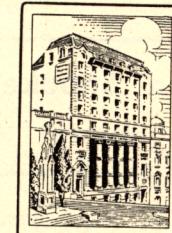
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CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The Club Membership List was recently opened for a period of one month, and 1,150 applications were received. A ballot was held as to the order in which such applications should be considered. The limit of membership was increased from 2,000 to 2,200, the additional 200 to be admitted from time to time at the discretion of the Committee at the rate of not more than 25 per month. It is proposed to publish in this magazine a further series of the names of applicants. The following are to be considered in rotation. This is List No. 12.

NAME	OCCUPATION	ADDRESS	Classification	PROPOSER	SECONDER
DONNELLEY, Charles E.	Production Executive	Bellevue Hill	City	Chas. McLoughlin A.	Bellingham
COY, Harold	Hotelkeeper	Hunters Hill	City	O. Keyson	W. Hayes
NASH, William	Company Sales Manager	Rose Bay	City	S. E. Chatterton	Theo. Kelly
COHEN, David G.	Bookmaker	Coogee	Bookmaking	Chas. Cohen	A. G. Connolly
SHELTON, Neville McN.	Grazier	Moree, N.S.W.	Country	T. V. Coyle	J. B. Lubrano
CHRISTIE, George	Solicitor	Wahroonga	City	C. R. Hart	C. F. Horley
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COOPER, Arthur A.	Dental Surgeon	Enmore	City	H. F. Chaplin	J. T. Jennings
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WEBBER, Michael P.	Company Director	Bellevue Hill	City	E. Deeks	E. F. Kreiger
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HANDICAPS—Coronation Snooker Tournament, 1953

A. G. Bull	Owes	5	J. E. Logan	Rec.	40	J. L. Monaro	Rec.	45	J. C. O'Riordan	Rec.	50
W. Longworth	Rec.	5	E. Lyons	"	40	A. J. McGill	"	45	J. F. O'Sullivan	"	50
S. M. Norton	"	5	C. K. Macdonald	"	40	L. P. Plasto	"	45	J. R. L. Palfreyman	"	50
H. J. Robertson	"	5	J. P. O'Neill	"	40	S. Stewart	"	45	C. L. Parker	"	50
G. J. Mousally	"	12	K. Ranger	"	40	Dr. B. Williams	"	45	H. G. Parr	"	50
N. E. Hough	"	15	R. F. Rattray	"	40	R. B. Barmby	"	47	I. Silk	"	50
B. M. Norris	"	20	J. W. Rogan	"	40	A. R. Buckle	"	47	J. L. Sims	"	50
A. T. Chown	"	25	Alan Turner	"	40	L. J. Fingleton	"	47	S. G. Sweet	"	50
E. A. Davis	"	25	Fred. Vockler	"	40	K. D. Godby	"	47	E. K. White	"	50
G. Fienberg	"	25	E. H. Booth	"	42	W. G. Hutchinson	"	47	L. Williams	"	50
E. A. Westhoff	"	25	A. C. Gelling	"	42	S. G. Lands	"	47	W. M. Hannan	"	52
B. M. Lane	"	27	J. L. Pick	"	42	C. Lavigne	"	47	J. A. Roles	"	52
S. Peters	"	27	I. E. Stanford	"	42	Dr. C. P. Ley	"	47	E. Stephenson	"	52
A. V. Miller	"	28	C. J. Donohoe	"	43	N. C. White	"	47	E. W. Abbott	"	55
A. M. Watson	"	28	Harold Hill	"	43	A. Buck	"	50	John Armstrong	"	55
J. H. Peoples	"	30	Dr. H. Seamonds	"	43	B. R. Campbell	"	50	Gordon H. Booth	"	55
G. R. Eryden	"	32	W. E. Askew	"	45	C. O. Chambers	"	50	R. R. Doyle	"	55
K. F. E. Fidden	"	32	J. R. Barrett	"	45	E. E. Davis	"	50	W. R. Dovey	"	55
L. H. Howarth	"	32	E. J. Baulman	"	45	J. Davis	"	50	T. S. Holden	"	55
P. J. Schwarz	"	33	D. Bloomfield	"	45	C. J. Fahy	"	50	D. Lotherington	"	55
N. R. Plomley	"	34	H. F. R. Brooks	"	45	L. R. Flack	"	50	D. Mackie	"	55
J. Eaton	"	35	S. E. Chatterton	"	45	John Fox	"	50	G. J. C. Moore	"	55
A. J. Howarth	"	35	E. A. Collins	"	45	A. S. Gordon	"	50	M. W. McIver	"	55
G. J. Watson	"	35	D. S. Dind	"	45	R. J. A. Gray	"	50	P. I. Paul	"	55
C. H. Oswald-Sealy	"	37	T. B. Dwyer	"	45	J. D. Hickey	"	50	S. R. Relton	"	55
W. E. Tinkler	"	37	G. H. Elliott	"	45	J. Large	"	50	P. N. Roach	"	55
R. H. Alderson	"	40	E. A. Halcroft	"	45	T. Leach	"	50	T. E. Sweet	"	55
H. Bassett	"	40	J. Harris	"	45	W. G. Marshall	"	50	A. H. Stocks	"	55
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John Cozdy	"	40	V. L. Kirby	"	45	I. S. Moore	"	50	R. Hutchinson	"	60
L. J. Haigh	"	40	A. Lash	"	45	L. R. Mcss	"	50	Chas. Scarf	"	60
L. Hasemer	"	40	W. R. Laforest	"	45	L. McAndrew	"	50	N. Seamonds	"	60
M. Larkins	"	40	P. W. McGrath	"	50	P. W. McGrath	"	50	H. S. Sullings	"	60

SUMMARY OF SPORTS TOPICS

in 60-second sketches

FOUR major Australian sports will be "on the spot" during the coming winter. Australia's standing in each of them will be decided abroad.

The sports are:

- **Tennis:** The performances at Wimbledon and in America of Mervyn Rose, Ken Rosewall and Lewis Hoad will be accepted as a guide to Australia's chances of retaining the Davis Cup next December.

- **Cricket:** The declining Australian team will defend the Ashes against confident England in England.

- **Rugby League:** Australia, anxious to rise from the bottom of the international ladder, will make a desperate bid to regain the Ashes it lost to New Zealand last year.

The League Tests will be played in New Zealand.

- **Rugby Union:** An Australian Wallaby team will meet South Africa, the toughest of all Union nations, in South Africa.

In tennis the competition to win the Wimbledon and Ameri-

can national crowns, which Frank Sedgman has vacated, will be the most open in 50 years.

For the first time in 50 years there is no really outstanding amateur.

Australians will keenly watch the bids Rosewall and Hoad make for the Wimbledon and American crowns.

Rosewall and Hoad are unquestionably the best of the world's younger players.

But are we depending upon them a year or two too soon?

Australia's chances of retaining the Cup next December will fluctuate according to the standard of their performances abroad.

In Rugby League, Australia is justifiably confident that it can regain the Ashes from New Zealand.

The Kangaroo team, which recently returned from England and France, had the most successful tour of any team since 1911, winning 33 of its 40 matches.

The Kangaroo players will

form the nucleus of the team to tour New Zealand.

If they can continue their success while in New Zealand, they will boost Australia's chances of regaining the Ashes from England next year.

If they fail, big changes will be certain on Australia's international front.

The now-confident Kangaroos declare there is no chance of failure this time.

The Rugby Union team on its tour of South Africa, has everything to gain and little to lose.

Because of South Africa's proven strength, few critics could give Australia an even chance of winning the Ashes.

Football teams always develop on tour.

This was fully proved in the French League team's tour of Australia in 1951 and the Kangaroos recent tour of England.

The Union men are banking on similar development, and are confident they will surprise by at least sharing the honours with South Africa.

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A. V. Miller	"	20	Dr. P. C. Ley	"	95	E. K. White	"	105	John Fox	"	120
A. J. Chown	"	25	J. L. Pick	"	95	E. B. Baulman	"	110	J. D. Hickey	"	120
G. Fienberg	"	35	J. R. Barrett	"	100	D. Bloomfield	"	110	T. S. Holden	"	120
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G. J. Watson	"	65	J. S. Moore	"	100	J. C. O'Riordan	"	110	R. Price	"	125
Peter Meagher	"	70	J. P. O'Neill	"	100	H. G. Parr	"	110	E. W. Abbott	"	130
A. J. McGill	"	75	J. A. Roles	"	100	J. H. Peoples	"	110	W. R. Dovey	"	130
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STEEPLECHASE

ENGLAND'S Grand National Steeplechase, held at Aintree, Liverpool, on 28th March, is one of the toughest and most spectacular races in the world.

Majority of horses crash before the end of the gruelling 4½ miles and 30 jumps.

Two of the obstacles — Beecher's Brook and Valentine's — are each 5 ft. high, 3 ft. 3 in. wide, with a 5 ft. 6 in. ditch on the other side.

A terrific strain is placed on both horse and jockey at many of the steeples because the take-off side is much lower than the drop side, or vice versa.

Usually about 50 horses line up for the race and invariably more than half of them fail to finish the course.

One year 40 horses started but only three finished.

To qualify for the National a horse must be at least six years old and the winner of a 'chase worth £300, at three miles or more.

But, from now on, it won't be only the horses and their riders who will need big hearts.

Punters, too, will need plenty of courage because, for the first time, a quinella pool operates on the steeple.

To win a quinella, a backer must nominate in any order, the first two horses to pass the post.

SWIMMING

JUST over two years ago, Australia's swimming sensation, Jon Henricks, had a tough problem to decide. He had to choose between swimming and tennis, and luckily went for swimming.

To-day Henricks is being hailed as our sprint swimming challenge to the Americans after his sensational Australian record (58 sec.) in winning the N.S.W. 110 yards title at North Sydney Olympic Pool in January.

When he was forced to make his decision, Henricks had not had a great deal of success as a swimmer, but was being hailed as a future tennis star. He had been selected to train with a group of Balmain Harcourt Tennis Association juniors for special coaching. One of his rivals was snowy-haired Balmain tennis junior, Lewis Hoad, now an Australian Davis Cup representative.

Although Henrick's team was beaten by Hoad's team, the defeat was not enough to make Henricks give up tennis.

Henricks decided on swimming, mainly because of coach Harry Gallagher's keenness. "I

didn't want to let Harry down," said Henricks.

Gallagher, now a 27-year-old manager of Drummoyne Baths, a near Sydney suburb, is a physiology student at Sydney University, who used to attend school swimming carnivals to scout for talent. One day, 2½ years ago, he went to a Combined High Schools' carnival and saw Henricks swim fifth in a 440 yards race. Gallagher rang up Henricks' parents. "They had not heard of me as a coach, but invited me to dinner and finally agreed to allow me to coach their boy," said Gallagher.

Gallagher brought Henricks on very quickly and his rapid improvement was evidenced in Combined High Schools' quarter-mile races. One year Henricks was more than a lap behind Empire Games swimmer Ron Sharpe and country swimmer Fletcher. Next year he beat Fletcher by a lap.

This year he was undecided whether to concentrate on sprint or distance races, so he entered for all distances. Prof. Cotton was consulted. He considered that as Henricks, who wants to be a doctor, hoped to sit for his Leaving Certificate this year, he should concentrate on sprinting as training for this class of swimming is easier.

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After winning the 220 yards he smashed the 110 yards national record in his heat with 58.5. But in the final, which he won by three yards, Henricks clocked 58 sec.

Timekeepers thought their watches were wrong, but after conferring the time was right. An excited announcer, Sid Grange, N.S.W.A.S.A. joint hon. secretary, and manager of our Helsinki swimming team, told the crowd, "It must have been one of the greatest swims of all time. It would have given Henricks second place in the Olympic 100 metres."

BOWLS

MORE than 2,500 bowlers from Australia and New Zealand will assemble on Sydney greens for the Australian championships to start on May 19. The carnival match committee issued the draw for all events during the week.

As usual the home State, N.S.W., has the largest entry, followed in order by Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand and Western Australia.

Present title-holders are Glyn Bosisto (Victoria), singles; Blackwell and Bussau (Victoria), pairs; and A. Littler (W.A.), fours.

The singles and pairs champions will defend their titles.

Each Sydney metropolitan four must comprise members of the same club. Visiting fours can be members of a number of clubs if they so desire.

N.S.W. has not excelled in Australian championships. No N.S.W. player has ever won the singles, the nearest being Dave

Downie's second to Dr. Jack Petrelli, of S.A., in 1946-47.

Both these fine players will be seen in all championships this year.

New South Wales should have many strong chances of winning the fours title.

Victoria's best fours appear to be Glyn Bosisto's and Jack Daly's, both from the same club, Auburn.

Bosisto has almost the same four with which he won the title in Adelaide in 1951.

Queensland will be represented by fours captained by Bobby Lewis, Harris Cock, Len Ricketts and Aub Stanton.

YEARLINGS

EIGHT Australian-bred sires are among the 22 new stallions represented by their first

crops to be sold at the Sydney yearling sales opening April 7.

They include the widely-known performers, Columnist and The Groom, who developed into attractive stallions and whose stock are likely to find ready markets.

There are 132 sires with progeny in the catalogue published by the selling agents, Messrs. William Inglis and Son Pty. Ltd.

Australian catalogues lead the world in layout and information, and in the present volume, the compiler, Mr. Claude Magennis, has produced almost a work of reference.

In addition to the 22 new sires there are 15 others who are represented by their second crops, making an imposing total of 37 horses who are rightly classed as "new."

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SUMMARY OF SPORTS TOPICS from previous page

This continued building up of the new strains available to breeders is one of the healthiest signs of the industry.

It shows a faith in the markets and a determination to move with the modern trends in the breeding of racehorses.

At the same time there will be general satisfaction that the Australian-bred horse has been given a chance against all-comers.

Columnist is at Aluinn Stud, and The Groom at St. Aubins, and at each place there is a selec-

tion of mares big enough for experimenting in search of the crosses best suited to the new blood.

Columnist is by Genetout (imp.) from Pen Name, whose sire is of the Tracery line.

The top five colts by him, all of them attractive as far as conformation is concerned, are from imported mares bred by stallions of different lines.

One is from Cineraria (imp.), whose sire descends from Sundridge, a strain that shows in many of the major American winners to-day.

Another is from Sword Play (imp.), whose sire is of the Phalaris line; a third from Sundela (imp.), whose sire is of the Gainsborough line; the fourth from Moon Dance, whose sire is of the Dark Ronald line; the fifth, from Port Dombey (imp.), whose sire goes back in direct line to Cicero through Portlaw, Beresford and Friar Marcus.

The Groom was given only a light first season and there are only two colts to represent him. The colts are from Pentella and Hippolyta, both winner producing.

The big interest in The Groom is that he is a third generation

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Australian-bred, being by Hua son of Heroic, son of Valais (imp.). This line is one of the few that has carried on to the third generation, and the interest is to see whether The Groom can play his part.

The other Australian-breds are Aqua Regis (by Midstream), Chaytor (by Hainero), Dizzy (by Whirlaway), Flying Duke (by Le Grand Duc), Lysander (by Midstream), and Proctor (by Actor).

RUGBY UNION

ITINERARY of the Australian Rugby Union team to tour South Africa is made to order.

It should be.

It was proposed by Dr. Wally Mathews who managed the 1933 Wallabies on their tour of South Africa.

When the itinerary was compiled, Dr. Mathews, on a visit to South Africa renewing 1933 friendships, acted as the Australian Rugby Union's official representative.

Knowing the value of having time to settle down and travelling conditions of the country, Dr. Mathews got the South African officials to accept an itinerary which gave the Australian team 18 matches before the first Test.

It will be a grand opportunity for the Wallabies to thoroughly test the 30 members of the team and so build up into a formidable combination.

When the 1933 team was in South Africa it had nine matches before the first Test.

Five tests were played. Australia lost the first 17-3, won the second 21-6, lost the third 12-3, the fourth 11-0, and won the fifth 15-4.

TROTTING

VETERAN trotting men throughout Australia were watching this year's inter-Dominion Championship in Perth with a contented, "fatherly" interest.

To them the championship signifies Australian trotting's "coming of age."

For as long as the veterans can remember, New Zealand has led Australia in the breeding and racing of trotting horses. New Zealand champions had no trouble beating the best Australia could produce.

Only occasionally would an outstanding Australian pacer topple the New Zealanders.

New Zealand horses have won five of the eleven championships.

And many New Zealand champions were absent from the fields when the famous race was run in the Australian States.

The best New Zealand horses are not competing this year.

But this year's championship has proved that Australia has at last produced several better young horses than has New Zealand.

Experts with good memories cannot remember two better four-year-olds than Ribands and Beau Don starting in the championship.

Both were bred in Australia.

And they are far ahead of rivals of their own age in New Zealand.

Ribands, as a three-year-old, was a second faster than the best three-year-old racing in New Zealand.

Avian Derby, who is the back-marker for this year's championship, could match strides with any New Zealand pacer.

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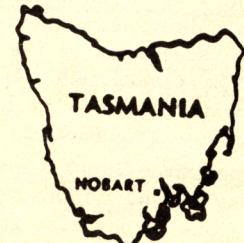
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Starke. He found time to complete his Arts at Sydney, and then, deciding to enter the senior branch of the profession, read in the Chambers of Mr. F. S. Boyce (later Mr. Justice Boyce), at that time Leader of the Bar in New South Wales.

He was called to the Bar in 1922, and started the difficult road of practice in the Common Law and Criminal Jurisdictions. In 1935 he took Silk, and his practice and reputation increased until he became known as one of Sydney's most brilliant jurists. From the public's point of view, the peak of his career before his appointment to the Supreme Court was undoubtedly his conduct as Senior Counsel assisting the Commissioner in the recent Royal Commission enquiring into the liquor industry. Such interest was aroused in proceedings under Mr. Justice Maxwell, that the circulations of Sydney's daily newspapers rose by many thousands on the days that the Commission reached the "juicier" bits of evidence and cross-examination!

Mr. Justice Dovey's interest in racing goes back to his school-days. One of his best friends at Grammar was a son of a fine trainer of the old school, Joseph Burton; a man who disapproved of boys being on a racecourse, but was always ready to instruct in the ways of thoroughbreds to a youngster who showed an interest.

Much later in life, Mr. Justice Dovey raced a few horses himself, mostly under lease. His first and most successful entry into the trials of ownership was in 1943 with Glendower, a steady and honest performer who was guided under Pat Nialon as trainer into eight firsts and 12 seconds, including a win or two at Randwick.

Then came Musetta, a filly by Actor from None So Gay, whose apt name was the best part of her. Another filly, Port, won at Hawkesbury and gained a minor place or two at Randwick. Latterly, Mr. Justice Dovey has raced Hindustan in partnership with Mr. R. F. Moses.

But it was the administrative side of racing that soon claimed his attention. In 1937 he appeared as Counsel for the Association of Proprietary Racing Clubs before the Bar of the Upper House; in 1943 the Premier, Mr. W. J. (later Sir William) McKell offered him a seat on the Board of the newly-formed Sydney Turf Club, and he was elected Vice-Chairman. After seeing that Club through its early difficulties, he resigned to contest successfully an election for the Committee of the Australian Jockey Club in 1944; when Mr. Keith McKay resigned as vice-chairman, Mr. Justice Dovey was elected to the position by his fellow-committeemen — and since the A.J.C. Chairman, Mr. A. G. Potter, left recently for England, he has been Acting-Chairman.

Other interests of this full, active and deservedly-successful life include several sports, apart from intellectual pursuits. At school, Mr. Justice Dovey played Rugby — with a certain Bill Longworth of our acquaintance. He shared much of Bill's interest in swimming, but not his ability; the ability in the Dovey family was reserved for his daughter, Margaret, who was breast-stroke Champion of Australia a few years ago.

Also some tennis and a deal of golf — the latter played often with our Chairman, John Hickey, who, says Mr. Justice Dovey, is "much too good at the game."

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Looking Back on Tattersall's Club

★ April, 1932

NINETEEN Hundred and Thirty-two was, of course, an Olympic year, and the Club members of the day supported the sending of Australia's team with their usual generosity. Several of the swimmers trained in the pool, and a special send-off for them, and for some of their confreres from other States was arranged for the end of May, 1932. That was the year of "Boy" Charlton, of Noel Ryan, Frances Bult, Claire Dennis; of George Golding and Alex Hillhouse — and, of course, of the one-and-only Bobbie Pearce. Los Angeles was the venue of the 1932 Games.

THE presence of the Olympic swimmers gave a great impetus to the Swimming Club, and the races for the Dewar Cup were closely contested. Stan Carroll won the March series, and took the lead in the year's points. John Dexter had dropped back to fourth; Alec Richards was the runner-up to Carroll, with Ken Hunter third.

THE Magazine refers to the "indoor sun-bathing area" on the third floor—special ultra-violet lamps had been installed a few weeks before, members were urged to use them with discretion — several had been over-exposed to the rays during an Autumn which was apparently as cool and short of sunshine as the present season.

APRIL, 1932, saw the passing of a very old and respected member — Sir Adrian Knox. Sir

Adrian, a Chief Justice of the High Court, had been an outstanding Chairman of the A.J.C., at a time of stress when racing bodies faced difficulties as great as any experienced since their foundation.

THE Club's Annual General Meeting was scheduled for the fifth of May, 1932; despite the difficulties of that depression year, there was a small profit to carry forward into the profit-and-loss account—a tribute to the good management of the secretary, treasurer and committee under the chairmanship of W. H. Whiddon. Whiddon had announced that he would not seek re-election, and it was hoped that the Treasurer, W. W. Hill, would accept nomination for the vacant Chair.

THE Golf Club had an outing at Manly in April, 1932. A. C. Berk won the Ingham Cup with a net 68, with Mick Polson as runner-up.

THE Magazine comments on the number of parliamentarians who were members at that date: the writer lists Mr. B. S. B. Stevens and Mr. W. J. McKell; Mr. J. M. Dunningham and Mr. Abram Landa; Mr. Archdale Parkhill and Sir Thomas Henley; Messrs. Charles Hardy, Ernie Farrar, W. A. Holman, G. R. W. McDonald, Tom Mutch, Sandy Jacques, Eddie Marks and E. B. Tressider. Will someone call the roll of our present Parliamentarians?

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MAY

Sydney Turf Club	Sat.	2
(At Canterbury)		
Sydney Turf Club	Sat.	9
(At Canterbury)		
Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	16
(At Warwick Farm)		
Tattersall's Club	Sat.	23
(At Randwick)		
Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	30
(At Randwick)		

JUNE

Australian Jockey Club	Tues.	2
(At Randwick)		
Sydney Turf Club	Sat.	6
(At Rosehill)		
Sydney Turf Club	Sat.	13
(At Rosehill)		
Sydney Turf Club	Sat.	20
(At Canterbury)		
Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	27
(At Warwick Farm)		

JULY

Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	4
(At Warwick Farm)		
Sydney Turf Club	Sat.	11
(At Canterbury)		
Sydney Turf Club	Sat.	18
(At Canterbury)		
Sydney Turf Club	Sat.	25
(At Rosehill)		

AUGUST

Sydney Turf Club	Sat.	1
(At Rosehill)		
Australian Jockey Club	Mon.	3
(At Randwick)		
Sydney Turf Club	Sat.	8
(At Canterbury)		
Sydney Turf Club	Sat.	15
(At Canterbury)		
Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	22
(At Warwick Farm)		
Sydney Turf Club	Sat.	29
(At Rosehill)		

SEPTEMBER

Sydney Turf Club	Sat.	5
(At Canterbury)		
Tattersall's Club	Sat.	12
(At Randwick)		
Sydney Turf Club	Sat.	19
(At Rosehill)		
Sydney Turf Club	Sat.	26
(At Rosehill)		

OCTOBER

Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	3
(At Randwick)		
Australian Jockey Club	Mon.	5
(At Randwick)		
Australian Jockey Club	Wed.	7
(At Randwick)		
Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	10
(At Randwick)		
City Tattersall's	Sat.	17
(At Canterbury)		
Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	31
(At Randwick)		

NOVEMBER

Sydney Turf Club	Sat.	7
(At Rosehill)		
Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	14
(At Warwick Farm)		
Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	21
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Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	28
(At Randwick)		

DECEMBER

Sydney Turf Club	Sat.	5
(At Rosehill)		
Sydney Turf Club	Sat.	12
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Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	19
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Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	26
(At Randwick)		

tinued his international purchases, it was necessary for Tessio to establish credits outside Italy. So, to secure English money, he sold Brueghel for less than his real value.

The greatest racehorse Widden produced was Ajax, winner of £40,275 in stakes. From his first peep at the world, the omens seemed right for Ajax. He was foaled while the Melbourne Cup of 1934 was being run!

Frank Thompson had switched on the radio and the Cup horses were lining up at the start when he was called to attend to Ajax's dam, Medmenham. What a story it would have made had Ajax won a Melbourne Cup, which at one stage seemed possible!

An experienced horseman often can tell the chances of a thoroughbred the day it is foaled. When Medmenham's wide-eyed chestnut colt first staggered to his feet and stood swaying beside his mother, the Thompsons knew their champion had arrived. Ajax was weaned, reared and broken-in at Widden. There he had part of a successful stud career before being sold to American interests.

He is Widden's idol. Hope of Frank Thompson is that some day there may come out of Widden another racehorse as great as Ajax.

Most successful son of Ajax was Achilles out of Minnamurra —winner of eight races for a total of £10,542, not counting minor placings; he took the 1950 A.J.C. Epsom from Oversight, you may recall. Daughters of Ajax include Chaperone, one of the most brilliant fillies of recent years, who held the Randwick six furlong record at 1 min. 10 sec. Chaperone was an unfortunate mare, falling in a track trial when her career was reaching its peak, and breaking a shoulder.

Months in a sling and crush under the direction of veterinary expert Major E. N. Larkin saved her for a few years at Widden.

Interest now centres on Widden's newer sires: Whirlaway (imp.), a Bahram horse, whose progeny had the distinction of gaining first and second in the A.J.C. Derby of 1950 (Alister and Rumyle). Valognes (imp.), whose first sons and daughters are now racing — Castillo, who won recently for Mr. E. R. Williams, is a Valognes horse. Tauber (imp.), a recently-purchased young stallion with an interesting line of breeding — he is by Chanteur II out of Exhibitionist, winner of an Oaks.

And, of course, champion Delta, from Adolph Basser, now reported to have settled down well.

From this formidable list of sires, guided by the long experience of the fourth generation of Thompsons, you can be sure of one thing; that there will be more worthy champions from the lovely valley of Widden.

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March-April Point Score

With one event to complete it, leaders in this series are:—J. Shaffran 22, W. Kirwan 19, M. Fuller 18½, J. O. Dexter 18, B. Chiene 16, F. Harvie 15½, T. Barrell 14½, H. E. Davis 13, W. Kendall, A. McCamley and S. Lorking 12.

1952-1953 Point Score

Leaders in this series for all points scored during the season are:—W. Kirwan 101, S. Murray 98½, F. Harvie 97½, P. Lindsay 95½, B. Chiene 95½, A. McCamley 89, T. Barrell 87½, J. O. Dexter 85½, C. Hoole 83½, J. Shaffran 83, G. Boulton and W. Phillips 80½, H. E. Davis 79, G. Laforest 75½, R. Harris 71, N. Barrell 70, G. Goldie 69, G. McGilvray 68½, V. Richards 66½, M. Fuller 65½, K. Francis 64, P. Hill 61, K. Doyle 55½, C. Emanuel and S. Lorking 54, A. Webber 53½.



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PICTURE OF THE MONTH



Favourite Wins Sydney Cup

Carioca Returning to Scale

W. Cook bringing Carioca back to scale after winning the Sydney Cup at Randwick on Easter Monday, 6th April. Carioca (Felt Yet-Sing Again), is owned and trained by Mr. P. C. Hoysted, and completed a fine sequence of wins to take the Cup by 2½ lengths from Advocate, with Friendly Feeling a neck away third.

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